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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Two Men Arrested in Connection with Shooting That Killed Three and Wounded 12

(U) Authorities arrested two suspects on 16 October in connection with a shooting at a popular Jamaican restaurant in Los Angeles that left three people dead and 12 others wounded. Police tracked down Mowayne McKay, 33, and Diego Reid, 25, both Jamaican nationals, at area hospitals where they had sought treatment for gunshot wounds. Police are still working to piece together the details of the crime scene. It is not yet known how many, if any, people were killed by shots fired by McKay or Reid. SOURCE: 16 October 2016, The Los Angeles Times

(U) Richmond – Two Men Charged with Hate Crime in Attack on Sikh Man

(U) Two men who are accused of attacking a Sikh man in California by punching him, knocking off his turban and cutting his hair were charged on 14 October with assault as a hate crime, according to local media. The attack followed a number of similar beatings of Sikhs in the United States over a period of more than a decade. Hate crime-tracking groups say assailants have occasionally mistaken Sikhs for Muslims, who themselves have also been victimized in religiously motivated hate crimes.

SOURCE: 15 October 2016, Reuters

(U) San Francisco – Man Suspected of Shooting Police Officer Dies

(U) An unidentified man suspected of shooting and wounding a San Francisco police officer before being shot by other officers pursuing him has died on 16 October. The officer is recovering in the hospital after being shot in the head in a confrontation with an armed assailant on 14 October. He was responding to reports of a man making threats at the Lakeshore Shopping Center when the man opened fire on officers. The suspect was later shot by officers who saw him come out of hiding.

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, Mercury News

(U) Vallejo – Officer Involved Shooting Involving Assault-Style Weapon

(U) Vallejo police shot a suspect who pointed an assault-style weapon at officers at a Starbucks on 16 October. Police say the incident started at a Starbucks where a male suspect opened the door and pointed what appeared to be an assault rifle with a "high-capacity drum" at two police officers inside. The police say the gun appeared to have malfunctioned. Police say the suspect fled the Starbucks and the officers chased him as the suspect continued to attempt to manipulate his gun. The officers shot the suspect three times and he was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Neither officer was injured. Police say they found an additional loaded handgun on the suspect, who was also wearing body armor.

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, SF Gate

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Kansas – Three Men Charged with Bomb Plot against Somalians

(U) Garden City – Authorities arrested three members of a militia group on 14 October and charged them with plotting to bomb an apartment complex in western Kansas where 120 people lived, including

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Muslim immigrants from Somalia who also used one apartment as a mosque, federal officials said. The three men, Curtis Allen, 49, Gavin Wright, 49 and Patrick Eugene Stein, 47, were each charged with one count of conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction in Garden City, Kansas. Federal, state and local authorities investigated the plot for eight months as the three men conducted surveillance, stockpiled guns and explosives and wrote a manifesto to be published after the bombing, according to the charges. SOURCE: 15 October 2016, Reuters

(U) North Carolina - GOP Office Damaged by Fire

(U) Hillsborough – Authorities are investigating after a local Republican Party office in North Carolina was set on fire in what a state GOP official called an act of "political terrorism." A bottle filled with flammable liquid was thrown through the window of the Orange County Republican Party headquarters overnight. No one was injured. In addition to the fire, the news release said an adjacent building was spray-painted with the words: "Nazi Republicans leave town or else."

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Two Danish Airports, Shopping Centers Evacuated after Bomb Threats

(U) Copenhagen – Multiple bomb threats in Denmark forced the evacuation of two provincial airports and two shopping malls on 17 October and briefly closed a university campus in Copenhagen. It was unclear who was behind the threats. Additional threats were sent to other locations in the capital area, including Copenhagen Airport, but were deemed hoaxes partly because they were all from the same sender.

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, Reuters

(U) Iraq – Iraq Launched Mosul Offensive to Drive Out ISIL

(U) Mosul – Iraqi government forces launched a US-backed offensive today to drive ISIL from the northern city of Mosul, a high-stakes battle to retake the militants' last major stronghold in the country. Two years after the jihadists seized the city of 1.5 million people and declared a caliphate from there encompassing tracts of Iraq and Syria, a force of some 30,000 Iraqi and Kurdish Peshmerga forces and Sunni tribal fighters began to advance. A US-led air campaign has helped drive ISIL from much of the territory it held but 4,000 to 8,000 fighters are thought to remain in Mosul.

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, Reuters

(U) Libya – Faction Challenges US-Backed Government

(U) Tripoli – Libyan armed brigades allied with rival political leaders in Tripoli have exchanged sporadic gunfire and set up checkpoints in areas they control, challenging the authority of the United Nations-backed government. Opponents of the UN-supported Government of National Unity (GNA) defied it on 14 October by taking over a parliamentary building and demanding a new government, triggering a standoff among rival brigades operating in the city. Since a 2011 uprising toppled autocrat Muammar Gaddafi, Libya has fallen into factional fighting among battalions of former rebels who have turned against one another, backing competing political leaders in a struggle for control.

SOURCE: 17 October 2016, Reuters

(U) Niger – Gunmen Attack Prison Holding Islamist Militants

(U) Niamey – Gunmen attacked a high-security prison in Niger on 17 October in an apparent bid to free Islamist militants, but the assault was repulsed and one raider was killed. Niger's Interior Minister reported the most likely culprits for Monday's attack were the Mali-based Movement for Unity and Jihad in West Africa (MUJWA), one of a number of groups that have long operated in the largely

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unpoliced Sahara. The attack came days after gunmen raided the house of a United States aid worker in central Niger, killed his guards and drove him across the desert towards Mali. SOURCE: 17 October 2016, Reuters

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